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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: October 4, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab.-No. 44-38861
D-680928070 JK

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference: Airtel 9/26/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks: Specimen received 9/28/68

K489 Two envelopes, one postmarked "MEMPHIS TENN. AUG 12 '68" and the other postmarked "MEMPHIS TENN. SEPT 13 '68" and accompanying letters bearing known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY

~~ALSO~~ SUBMITTED: Envelope postmarked "ST. LOUIS MO. 6 AUG 1968" and accompanying letter beginning "Dear Jimmy Just a few lines..." and signed "Jerry Ray"

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Remarks:

Inasmuch as K489 does not sufficiently augment other known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY to permit further identifications in this matter, K489 is returned herewith to Memphis with the "ALSO SUBMITTED" material.

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No Laboratory report is being submitted.

Photographs of K489 have been made. EX-120 10 OCT 7 1968

Enclosures (2) (K489, ALSO SUBMITTED)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: DOCUMENT SECTION
FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Submitted herewith are five separate communications which Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, made available to SAC this date. These are letters prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY. These are all samples of known handwriting and hand printing of subject RAY. They should be utilized for any additional handwriting comparison needed in captioned case.

In addition, there are furnished herewith the originals of two letters which were forwarded by RAY to the Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge of the Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee. Judge BATTLE will be the presiding Judge in the JAMES EARL RAY trial. These letters were furnished by Judge BATTLE to SAC. In connection with these letters, District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, raised point that possibility exists that utilization of material furnished the Judge might be prejudicial at some future date. CANALE pointed out that since Judge BATTLE would hear case he was of opinion that it would probably not be feasible to utilize handwriting in letters sent Judge BATTLE. Therefore, it is requested that handwriting examination prepared by Document Section utilize letters received from Sheriff MORRIS as primary sources for examination purposes.

Results of examination regarding letters received by Sheriff MORRIS should be handled in separate communication. Handwriting examination relative to letters received by Judge BATTLE should not be incorporated in the examination of handwriting contained in letters received by Sheriff MORRIS. The letters received by Judge BATTLE should be made a matter of a

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a separate examination and a separate Laboratory report. District Attorney General CANALE's views should be incorporated in any results pertaining to examination of the letters received by Judge BATTLE.

The originals should be returned to the Memphis Office so that they can be delivered to Sheriff MORRIS and Judge BATTLE.